

MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING  
TOWN OF ELLINGTON  
JUNE 8, 2005

As the Annual Town Budget was defeated at referendum held on June 1, 2005, electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings were hereby notified that a subsequent Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Ellington would be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, for the following purpose:

First Selectman Dennis C. Milanovich called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m., and then asked for nominations for a Moderator. **Dennis Frawley** nominated **Mary Cardin** moderator, seconded by **Mark Joyse**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

The Moderator then read the warning for the meeting, which was published in the Journal Inquirer on June 3, 2005 and is recorded in these records preceding these minutes.

To consider and appropriate upon the recommendation of and as allocated by the Board of Finance the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total, for the fiscal year 2005-2006 the sum of \$ 37,682,753. which is the sum recommended by the Board of Finance on June 7, 2005.

**Dennis Frawley** made the motion to move to adjourn the town meeting to a referendum to be held on Wednesday June 15, 2005 at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with one question,

*"SHALL THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON APPROPRIATE, UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AND AS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE, THE TOTAL SUM FOR ALL EXPENDITURES, A/K/A BUDGET GRAND TOTAL, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 THE SUM OF \$37,682,753 ?"* seconded by **Mark Joyse**.

The Moderator then opened the meeting to any questions or comments.

Honora Willis stated she had attended the Board of Finance meeting on the previous evening and was surprised that nothing was cut out of the budget, but all of a sudden pockets of money showed up. Ms. Willis asked "Wasn't that predictable before we went to two referendums?"

Robert Pagani, chairman of the Board of Finance, stated that at the time of the previous budget proposals they did not know what the state was going to give the town for additional monies. Pamela Lombardo was complimented on a 99% tax collection rate which will mean an estimated additional \$160,000 in this fiscal year. Mr. Pagani then proceeded to list the changes in the estimated increased revenue items and reductions in operating expenses as follows:

FY 04-05 additional \$121,000 from the state; Interest and Lien Fees \$6000; \$17,000 interest on earnings; Fema Disaster \$13,000; FY 05-06 State Education Cost Sharing \$77,676; State Property Forest \$583.00 State Town Road Aid \$43,279.

Estimated Operating expense reductions FY 04-05 Public Fire Protection \$15,000; Sanitary Landfill \$25,000; Social Security \$2000; Insurance \$35,000; and Board of Education from salaries \$75,000.

Kathryn Gessert then questioned why there was no attempt to decrease the budget after the last referendum.

Mr. Pagani stated they have tried to cut all the fat out of the budget and that we are running the town side of the government with less personnel and less paid people on staff then we did in 1989. Mr. Pagani also stated to reduce the budget further would also reduce services to the towns people, and what they attempted to do from the start was to maintain the services we had last year and the year before.

Ronald Dinardo commented on union negotiations, arbitration, and plowing private roads specifically, Aborn Road and questioned why the town did not plow other private roads. Mr. Dinardo then stated maybe the Town should not plow any private roads, because if they do it would only cost more money.

Joseph Snyder commented on the school budget which he stated runs 60 to 70% of our total spending. My Snyder felt the Board Of Education should come up with a plan between now and the next budget showing the efficiencies they could put into effect to save money.

It was explained how the Board of Finance could not dictate how the Board of Education spent their money. Mr. Snyder then questioned splitting the budget, town side and Board of Education side for voting. Town Attorney Susan Boyan stated this could be done only through a change in the town charter.

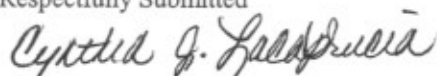
A question and answer period continued; comments and opinions were given on ways to reduce the budget. Individuals involved in the discussions were but are not limited to, Joseph Santoro, Shaun Harrington, Wilhelm Frederick, Tim Lawrence, Carl Deptula, Felicia Archambault, John Krieski, Adella Ugolik and Christine Daigle.

**Robert Pagani** made the motion to move the question seconded by **Dennis Frawley**, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.

**Vote on the motion to adjourn that was on the floor was taken, vote by acclamation was unanimous, motion so carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Cynthia J. Lacapruca, Town Clerk Received for record June 13, 2005 @10:52a.m.